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SUBJ: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL COACHES

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1. REQUEST BY IMMEDIATE CABLE FISCAL DATA GRANT FOR MAJ.

A.W. QURESHI.

2. QURESHI HAS OBTAINED CLEARANCES FROM GOP. US VISA APPLICATION BEING PROCESSED. EMBASSY STILL PLANNING HAVE HIM IN LONDON MARCH 8 FOR DEPARTURE ON TWA 771 WITH OTHER COACHES BUT TIME RUNNING SHORT AND POST HAVING DIFFICULTY OBTAINING CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS. WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT WHEN FINAL ITINERARY DEVELOPED.

3. QURESHI HOLDS RANK MAJOR IN MILITARY BUT HIS ENTIRE ACTIVITY IS IN SPORTS, FOLLOWING PATTERS OF BRITISH TO GIVE MILITARY COMMISSIONS TO PROFESSIONALS VARIOUS FIELDS. HE WORKS WITH PAKISTAN SPORTS FEDERATION AS PROFESSIONAL CCOACH. UPON HIS RETURN HE WILL BEGIN THREE-YEAR PROGRAM TRAINING PAKISTANI BASKETBALL PLAYERSFOR 1978 ASIAN GAMES AND WILL WORK DIRECTLY UNDER SPTRTS FEDERATION. HE SLATED FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT SHORTLY AFTER RETURNING PAKISTAN BUT THIS WILL HAVE NO BEARING ON CONTINUATION AS COACH.

4. EMBASSY OFFICER HAS TALKED WITH QURESHI. HIS ENGLISH

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IS EXCELLENT AND HE HAS PLEASANT PERSONALITY. HE IS KEEN TO TAKE

PART IN KANSAS CITY CLINIC. FROM BRIEF DISCUSSION AND BASED ON
PURELY SUBJECTIVE OBSERVATION HE APPEARS GOOD CHOICE FOR
PROGRAM.
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